THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

SERVICE NOTES AND NEWS — *AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS*

A GOOD CRUISE : The London flying boats of No. 204 (F.B.) Squadron at Malta, on their recent cruise from Plymouth to the Mediterranean.

MOVE OF A SQUADRON

No. 46 (Fighter) Squadron will move from Kenley to Digby by September 21, on which date the unit will be transferred to No. 12 (Fighter) Group.

ANOTHER ARMAMENT TRAINING CAMP

The R.A.F. Camp, Evanton, was transferred from the Coastal Command to the Training Command on August 16, on which date the camp was placed in the Armament Group.

No. 8 Armament Training Camp will open at Evanton on September 1, and the range at Dornoch on October 1.

The accommodation for Fleet Air Arm units at Evanton will be administered by Training Command and Armament Group.

AN IRAQ HONOUR

His Majesty King Ghazi of Iraq has recently issued two Royal Iradehs, one promoting Wing Cdr. E. L. Howard-Williams, M.C., to the rank of Amir Lewa (Brigadier General), with the courtesy title of Pasha, and the other awarding him the Order of The Two Rivers, for his services to Iraq as Inspector of the Royal Iraq Air Force.

No. 2 ROYAL AIR FORCE DEPÔT

No. 2 Royal Air Force Depot which formed at Henlow on May 27, and replaced the Recruits Wing at that station, will move to Cardington with effect from September 1, and will form part of the establishment of the R.A.F. Station, Cardington.

The Royal Air Force Depot, Uxbridge, will be known as No. 1 Royal Air Force Depot, with effect from September 1.

R.A.F. STAFF COLLEGE

As a result of the retirement of Sqn. Ldr. F. E. Nuttall and the exclusion from the 16th course, owing to service exigencies, of Sqn. Ldr. G. B. Beardsworth, the names of Sqn. Ldrs. Grace, C. F. H., and Pankhurst, L. T., have been substituted. Sqn. Ldr. Beardsworth will attend the 17th course beginning January, 1939.

FLYING ACCIDENT

The Air Ministry regrets to announce the following accident:—

Lt. John Alan Goldsmith, Royal Navy, Flying Officer, Royal Air Force, and A/C.1 Ernest George Clarke lost their lives in an accident which occurred at Donna Nook Bombing Range on August 17 to an aircraft of No. 810 (Torpedo Spotter-Reconnaissance) Squadron.

ROYAL AIR FORCE GAZETTE

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General Duties Branch

Pilot Officer on probation P. D. J. Strong is confirmed in appointment, July 27. The following Acting Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in appointments and graded as Pilot Officers, on dates stated: June 30, G. S. K. Haywood; July 3, P. L. Dakeyne; July 13, R. E. Shorter. P/O. R. R. S. Tuck takes rank and precedence as if his appointment as Pilot Officer bore date December 15, 1936. Reduction takes effect from July 22. Cdr. C. W. Byas, R.N., Sqn. Ldr., R.A.F., ceases to be attached to R.A.F. on return to Naval duty, May 4. Lt. R. E. Gunston, R.N., Flt. Lt., R.A.F., ceases to be attached to R.A.F. on return to Naval duty, August 2.

ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE

Reserve of Air Force Officers

General Duties Branch

F/O. G. G. Stead is transferred from Class A to Class C, January 8. The following are transferred from Class C to Class A on dates stated: June 27, Flt. Lt. R. B. Brown; July 13, Flt. Lt. A. M. D. Howes; July 26, F/O. C. Gardner. The following Flying Officers are transferred from Class C to Class AA (ii) on dates stated: June 1, W. E. Hampton; July 24, G. O. Hayns.

ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

Appointments.—The following appointments in the Royal Air Force are notified:—

General Duties Branch

Wing Commanders.—J. W. B. Grigson, D.S.O., D.F.C., to Dept. of A.M.S.O., Air Ministry, 5.8.37, vice Wing Cdr. E. S. Goodwin, A.F.C. E. S. Goodwin, A.F.C., to No. 38 (B) Squadron, Marham, 5.8.37; to command.

Squadron Leaders.—O. G. Ridley, M.C., to Headquarters, Bomber Command, Uxbridge, 27.7.37; for Equipment Staff duties. A. W. B. McDonald, to No. 32 (F.) Squadron, Biggin Hill, 15.4.37; to command vice Wing Cdr. G. T. Richardson. A. P. C. Hannay, M.C., to No. 53 (A.C.) Squadron, S. Farnborough, 28.6.37; to command. E. C. Lewis, to No. 88 (B.) Squadron, Boscombe Down, 25.7.37; to command. A. H. Stradling, to No. 24 (Training) Group Headquarters, Halton Camp, 5.7.37: for duty as Senior Personnel Staff Officer vice Group Capt. W. D. Budgen, O.B.E. M. C. Dick, A.F.C., to